

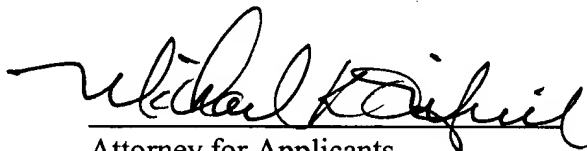
Claims 1, 4 to 7, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,182,655 (Motoyanagi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,659,761 (DeArras). The rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that DeArras is not prior art to the subject application.

Specifically, the present application is a continuation of Application No. 08/300,492 which was filed on September 2, 1994. No date of DeArras is earlier than that date. Accordingly, DeArras is not prior art to the subject application. Withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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